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Hay - Housman ancestral line

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Robert Hay	William Hay	Thomas Hay	
Thomas Taylor	Jane A. Taylor		Robert L. Hay
John Maiden	Andrew Maiden	Sarah Maiden	
	Mary Passwater		Oliver P. Hay
	William Crawford	David Crawford	
		Margaret Crawford	
	Jeremiah McNeely	Sarah McNeely	
			H. P. Hay
	John Howsman	William Howsman	
	Martha Frost	Joseph Howsman	
		Abigail Britton	
			Mary Emily Howsman
Nehemiah Gregory	Jehiel Gregory	Jehiel Gregory	
Ann Barnum	Elizabeth Andrews	Elizabeth Gregory	
		Sarah Vandolich	

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My father, Oliver Perry Hay was the son of Robert Hyle and Margaret (Crawford) Hay. Robert Hyle was the son of Thomas and Sarah (Maiden) Hay. Thomas was the son of William and Jane Ann (Taylor) Hay. William was the son of Robert Hay whose wife may have been Anne Hyle or Ann Turnbull.

Robert Hay was born in Scotland, probably in the vicinity of Kyles and, from the evidence I have been able to gather, was a descendant of the Tweeddale Hays whose ancestry can be traced back many hundreds of years. He came to America in 1818, perhaps to make his home with his son who had preceded him, but is said to have stopped off in Canada to visit a daughter and there fell ill and died.

Robert
1742-1818

William, supposed to have been the only son of Robert, arrived in America in 1811 in company with a number of other Scotch Dissenters, bringing with him a family consisting of a wife and four children: Thomas, Isabel, Elizabeth and Ann. He is said to have left behind in Scotland two children: Ann and John. The immigrants are said to have landed in Philadelphia whence they proceeded by way of Pittsburgh and via Ohio River to Jefferson County, Indiana, where, near the present hamlet of Saluda, they took up land and began farming. Jane Ann Taylor, wife of William Hay, and mother of at least the four children who were brought to America, was the daughter of Thomas Taylor. Her mother may have been named — Cranston. She was born in Scotland May 7, 1765 and died in Jefferson Co, Indiana Sept. 4, 1845.

William
1-19-1763 to
10-12-1849

Jane Ann
5-7-1765 to
9-4-1845

Children of William and Jane Ann (Taylor) Hay:—

Ann, no definite record; is said to have m. — Davidson. Remained in Scotland.

John, no definite record; said to have been a school teacher. Remained in Scotland.

Thomas, b. 11-26-1800, m. 11-23-1820 Sarah Maiden, d. 7-2-1885. (See infra.)

Isabel, m. Andrew Davidson; their children James, no record; William, no record;

Jane, m. — Reed; Ann, m. Sherrard Morris; Thomas, no record.

Elizabeth, b. 3-25-1804, m. Samuel B. Walls, d. 4-9-1864; their children, William, no record; Jane, m. (1) — Jewell, (2) Reed; Melissa, unmarried; Caroline, m. — Robinson.

Ann, b. 7-?-1809, m. (1) Andrew Getty, (2) — Oldfield, d. 10-3-1886; their children: William, no record; Martin, no record; Caroline, m. — Swann; Isabelle, m. — Morris.

Thomas Hay, son of William was born in Scotland in or near the town of Kyles and was brought to America at the age of 11. He grew up on the farm near Saluda and married, Nov. 23, 1820, Sarah Maiden. About 1856 he moved with

Thomas
11-26-1800 to
7-2-1885

several members of his family and neighbors to Illinois where they bought farms and became well-to-do. Thomas Hays' place of settlement was just east of the Town of American.

Sarah Maiden, who became the wife of Thomas Hays, was born June 2, 1800, somewhere in North Carolina, probably not far from Raleigh. Her father was Andrew Maiden and her mother Mary Casperson; these families will be discussed later. She died July 6, 1885 and is interred beside her husband in the cemetery at American.

Sarah
6-2-1800 to
7-6-1885

Children of Thomas and Sarah Hays

Jackson, no record as to it is very doubtful if there was such a child.

Robert Hays, b. 9-30-1821; m. ⁽¹⁾ 3-12-1845 Margaret Crawford; d. 12-7-1903.

Mary, d. at age of 3 years.

⁽²⁾ 10-8-1890 Mary Baker.

William, m. Samantha Shaw. Their children: Fattie, m. — Day; Raleigh, no record; Beulah, m. — Wilson; Gabe A., no record; Annie, m. — Altman; Jennie, m. — Winnick; Leona M., m. ⁽¹⁾ — Schale, (2) — Cole.

John, b. 6-2-1828; m. ⁽¹⁾ Edgeth Crawford, ⁽²⁾ Susan Hardy ⁽³⁾ M. A. Baker.

By his first wife he had: Sarah, m. — Workman; Silas, no record.

By his second wife he had: Eugene Newton, b. 5-22-1856, m. Mary McDonald; Almada B., b. 11-18-1858, m. James Carr; Julian Douglas, b. 3-11-1860, d. 1876; Marcella J., b. 10-8-1861, m. 1896 Martha Smith, d. 1899; Philip Hamilton, b. 2-2-1863, d. 1-23-1915; Alvoro L., b. 3-2-1864, m. Nora Mitchell; Clementine E., b. 12-13-1865, died in infancy; Cora C., b. 12-22-1866, m. 6-6-1884 James M. Johnson; Ovia Elmer, b. 10-24-1868, m. 3-12-1885 George Trulock; Montama L., b. 7-19-1870, m. 5-10-1886 Samuel Grady, d. 2-14-1919; Katie M., b. 9-25-1871, m. Elwood Mitchell; Solon, b. 1-9-1874, d. in infancy; Clarence, b. 9-10-1875, m. Jane Carlock; George, b. 10-21-1877, m. 10-4-1902, Sylvia Orr; Florence Perry, b. 11-12-1880.

By his third wife he had no children.

Minerva Jane, b. 10-2-1830, m. Henry Gile, d. . Their children were: Frances Adaline, b. 4-19-1847, d. 10-1-1880; Sarah Catherine, b. 12-18-1848, d. 3-7-1865; Franklin Marion, b. 11-30-1850, m. 3-9-73 Adaline Richards, d. 4-7-1881; Thomas C., b. 1-26-1853, d. 12-27-1875; Robert E., b. 1-26-1850, m. 5-22-1883 Jennie Dingley; Alice Jane, b. 10-25-1855, m. 7-3-1873 Robert L. Edwards; Anna Josephine, b. 12-19-1857, m. 12-19-1883 John Hixler; Jacob Salome, b. 2-25-1860, d. 2-15-1861; Henry Lane, b. 7-17-1861, d. 12-4-1861; Julia C.

b. 7-17-1865, m. 3-20-1889 William O'Neill; unnamed infant, b. & d. 2-13-1872.
Francis Marion (Dick), b. 1-22-1832; m. 11-26-1868 Hannah Adolinda
Town, d. 2-25-1911. Their children were: Mark, b. 9-28-1869, d. - -1932;
Louie Maiden, b. 1-16-1872, d. 1-11-1927; Cranston Roy, b. 8-16-1875,
d. 12-13-1907.

George, b. 10-13-1835, m. (1) 2-10-1857 Almira Barry, (2) --- ? no record;
d. 10-30-1887. His children, by which wife is not known; - Clara J., b.
8-25-1858, m. 4-28-1883 J. H. Miller; Eva J., b. 1-31-1859, m. 2-16-1879
W. L. Brandon; Ella A., b. 12-16-1862, m. 5-27-1880, L. B. Haynes;
Frances A., b. 7-16-1865; Sney O., b. 8-27-1868; Ira Lawrence, no rec-
ord; Clyde G., no record; Frankie, no record, perhaps the same as Frances.
Thomas Jefferson, b. 5-12-1838, m. (1) 6-9-1861 Columbia Barry, (2) 3-22-
1865 Nannie Reigle. His children, probably by his first wife: Orrin,
b. 1-3-1864; Abraham Lincoln, b. 5-7-1865; Jay, b. 3-26-1869, d. 7-21-1898.
Lawrence W. b. 11-23-1840, m. ~~Helen~~ ^{Lucy} Foster, d. 1915. Their, respectively
only, child was Mabel of whom I have no record.

Margaret, b. 8-26-1844, m. Daniel Delaney Patterson, d. 1915. No child an.

Robert Lytle Hay, son of Thomas, was born 9-30-1821, in Jefferson County
Indiana, grew up there and married, 3-12-1845, Margaret, daughter of David
and Sarah (McNelly) Crawford. In 1856 he moved to Illinois and settled about
2 miles east of the present town of Bradford where he lived for over 20 years, becoming
an extensive land holder. He moved into Bradford a few years before the death of his
wife which occurred 1-7-1880. Some 5 years later, 10-8-1891, he married Mary Frances
Baker - with whom he lived until his death, 12-7-1903. His children, all by his
first wife, were: Oliver Perry, b. 5-22-1846, m. 6-30-70 Mary Emily Horwerson,
d. 11-2-1930. For this family see *infra*.

Robert Hay.
9-30-1821 b.
12-7-1880.

Mary Elizabeth, b. 10-22-1847, m. 1871 Thomas Clark, d. 11-17-1914. Their chil-
dren were: Clarence, b. 1871, d. 9-17-1880; Edna, b. 4-22-1874, m.
11-17-918 W. D. Ballard; Ada, b. 10-27-1876, m. 3-31-1895 Frank L.
West; Alice, b. 7-2-1880, m. 2-5-1902 J. W. Wright; Norma, b. 10-20-1886,
m. 5-10-1926 L. W. Shouck.

Andrew Jackson, no record, may never have existed.

Julia, b. 2-10-1849, m. 1872 Miles Shimel, d. 8-20-1918. Her children:

Florence, d. 5-27-74; Edward, m. Anne Holquist, d. not recorded.

Sarah Jane, b. 5-5-1852, d. 10-15-1860

Thomas J., b. 12-10-1853, m. 1878 Marietta Stever, d. 4-7-1881. His children: Ella, b. 3-13-1881, m. Wm. J. Spratt; Ida, m. Young, d. —.

Ann, b. 7-7-1855, m. 11-19-1871 George W. Reid, d. 10-19-1928. Children, Mabel Frances, b. 3-26-1874, m. 1-25-1894 Henry Cox, d. 10-15-1905; Ella Maud, b. 12-25-1876, m. (1) 3-16-1895 W. Cunningham, (2) 4-21-1931 B.F. Boor; Ida Blanche, b. 1-18-1879, m. J. Karpiluk.

Francis Marion (Dick), b. 8-18-1857, m. 4-11-1878 Nellie L. Lombard, Children; Maryam, b. 4-25-1880, m. 5-14-1901 Patrick Cadell, d. 10-18-1918; Florence M., b. 1-19-1882, m. 1-2-1903 Adna Wright Black; Clyde C., b. 10-7-87; Vera B., b. 11-14-1892, m. 5-12-1910 Guy R. Bailey.

Maria, b. 4-1-1859, m. 1877 Levi D. Rich. Child: Ralph Robert, b. 4-23-1879, m. Lynn Tedford.

Isabelle, b. 4-26-1861, m. 1-30-1879 Wm. W. Wilcox, d. 4-4-1931. Children, Clarence A. Trow, b. 2-29-1883, m. 1901 Elizabeth Sheaffer; Blanche, b. 3-29-1889, d. 1-23-1895.

Leroy Skelton, b. 7-22-1862, m. 10-15-1883 Kate Shivers, d. 11-30-1928. Children: Marion Floyd, b. 6-28-1884, m. 6-28-1908 Catherine E. Giler; Robert Vernon, b. 11-12-1886, d. 8-28-1887; Gordon Dean, b. 6-25-1894, m. Leah Tigge.

Clarence Lanning, b. 2-9-1866, m. 2-12-1890 Mabel Foster. Children: Bonnie Margaret, b. 8-12-1890, m. 1-22-1913 Byron Cady Allen, d. 4-27-1935; Berrie Beatrice, b. 9-8-1892, m. (1) Harry Fisher, (2) Glen Seeds; Thomas Eugene, b. 4-15-1894, m. 2-25-1923 Grace Tumbleton; Gordon Clarence, b. 12-5-1897; Nellie Marjane, b. 9-9-1905, m. 3-7-1930 Orville Crooke.

George Collyer, b. 7-23-1868, m. 5-29-1900 Mary Hoy Stover. Children: Margaret Evelyn, b. 9-15-1902, m. 5-23-1923 Guy A. Pratt; Jean Arlene, b. 5-21-1910, m. 4-19-1935 Russell W. Mayewell.

Robert Crawford, b. 7-15-1871, m. 5-4-1890 Ruth Brown Sulphur. Children: Caryl Tumbel, b. 2-25-1891, m. 5-16-1917 Marcia Reed; Francis LaVerne, b. 2-16-1903, m. 10-30-1927 Lela Laing.

Oliver Perry Hay, son of Robert Hyle and Margaret (Crawford) Hay was born, 5-22-1846, in Saluda Tp., Jefferson Co., Ind. In 1856 his parents moved to Bureau Co., Illinois and settled on a farm near the town of Bradford. He attended the public school

Oliver Perry
5-22-1846 to
11-2-1920

at Doyle Grove, then took a course in business practice in a school in Peoria and then entered Eureka College from which he graduated in 1870. Immediately after graduating he married Mary Emily, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Gregory) Howatson. In the fall of that year he was made Professor of Science in Eureka and taught in that school two years. Then followed about 20 years of teaching at Grant, Kentucky, Belknap, Iowa, ^{Arlington, Ill.} and Butler College, Indianapolis, Ind. He attended Yale University in 1876. Received the M.D. degree from Indiana Medical College and Ph.D. from Indiana University. In 1892 he became Assistant Curator in Field Columbian Museum and later in the same capacity was employed by the American Museum of Natural History. In 1911 he became connected with the Carnegie Institution and remained with it until his death, 11-2-1930. He was a member of a number of scientific societies and the author of numerous articles and books on zoology and paleontology. His children: William Perry, b. 12-8-1871, m. 12-29-1902 Annie Alberta McKnew;

Mary Lucille, b. 8-28-1873, m. 6-20-1900 John Dufton Winnick.

Frances Steele, b. 1-21-1876

Robert Howatson, b. 11-16-1882, m. 12-15-1909 Alma Elizabeth Binschoff.

William Perry, son of Oliver Perry and Mary Emily (Howatson) Hay was born, 12-8-1871, in Eureka, Illinois. He attended the grammar school in Arlington, Ind. and then entered Butler College from which he graduated in 1891. In 1892 he received the A.M. degree from the same institution and in September was appointed to teach zoology in Central High School, Washington, D.C. In 1900 he was made Professor of Natural History in Howard University where he remained 7 years. He then returned to high school work as head of the department of biology and chemistry where he remained until his retirement in 1934. During the latter period he resided in Kensington, Md., but after retiring moved to Bradenton, Fla. He married in 1902 Annie Alberta McKnew, daughter of Benjamin Pickrell and Diana Houston (Pickrell) McKnew. Their children:

John Oliver, b. 2-25-1906, m. 12-6-30 Wille Mae Powere.

Constance, b. 5-29-1908, m. 12-26-1927 John Lewis Atkins.

William Perry
12-8-1871 E.

The wife of Robert Hay was Ann Hyle or Ann Turnbull, there is apparently no way of determining which and, of course, no way of investigating her ancestry. Both Hyles and Turnbells lived in lowland Scotland in Robert Hay's time and there were emigrants to America from both. From all I have been able to gather I am of the opinion that Ann Turnbull was the wife and Ann Hyle was the daughter of Robert Hay. It was while waiting this daughter that he died.

Jane Ann Taylor, wife of William Hay, was born in Scotland, probably near Kelso, May 7, 1765. Her father was Thomas Taylor. Her mother's name I have never been able to discover, but there is a vague belief in the living members of the family that it was Cranston. When Jane Ann accompanied her husband to America there were in the same company her sister Betie, who died on the voyage and was buried at sea, and two, perhaps three brothers: Cranston, Robert and Thomas. The first two of these settled in Jefferson Co., or near the Ohio R., in Kentucky. Of Thomas my only knowledge is from a church record of Central Church, Hammon, Ind., where in 1838 and in 1842 children of Thomas Taylor and Nancy, his wife, were baptized.

Taylor
1765-1845

Sarah Maiden became the wife of Thomas Hay in 1820. She was born in North Carolina, June 2, 1800, daughter of Andrew and Mary (Parswater) Maiden. Andrew was the son of John Maiden, who, according to a statement made by my grandmother, was a native of Wales who came to America prior to the Revolution in which he took up arms and served under General Washington. I have never heard the name of John Maiden's wife, but ~~she was the daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Maiden~~. In searching through the reprint of the 1790 census I find among the heads of families in North Carolina: John Maiden, 1 adult male, 1 male under 16, and 3 females. It is quite possible that this is the family from which Sarah Maiden had her origin and that the "male under 16" listed was Andrew. But this is conjecture and I know of no way of getting at the truth of the matter.

Maiden
1800-1885

Mary Parswater, it is said, claimed kinship with the Queens of Throd Island and the Polks of North Carolina and Tennessee. There is also a vague report of relationship with the family of General Marion of Revolutionary fame. I have researched carefully through the published genealogies of all these families without finding anything by which to connect these loose ends. I found descendants of the Parswaters living in southern Indiana in 1934 but could get nothing helpful from them. In a book entitled "The Good Old Times in McKean County, Illinois" I found the following on the Parswater family:—"Parsnel Parswater was born in 1782 in Delaware County, Delaware. His father Rich-ard Parswater was an Englishman and his mother was of Irish descent. * * In about the year 1806 he married Comfort Short, a lady who was partly of Welsh descent. In 1811 he moved to Monongahela Co., Virginia. During the war of 1812 he enlisted as a soldier but was never called in to the field. * * In 1816, Mr. Parswater emigrated to Hamilton County, Ohio, where he followed farming. In the fall of 1820 he started with his family from Hamilton County, Ohio, for Illinois. There is nothing in this to connect the Parswater and Maiden families but it shows that there was such a family,

Parswater

that its members were moving westward and southward and that there is a possibility that Mary Casewater was one of the early members of it.

Margaret Crawford who married Robert Ryle Hay was the daughter of David and Sarah (McNeely) Crawford. The father of David was William Crawford but the name of his mother I have never been able to ascertain nor do I know where or when he was born or when or where he died. He is said to have been an Irishman who came to America and settled in Oldham Co., Kentucky, but he is known to have been living in Jefferson Co., Ind. in 1825. For several years now I am inclined to believe that William Crawford was not of Irish descent, and, after disposing of his immediate descendants I shall give a genealogy with which I believe he will be found, eventually, to be connected.

Crawford.
1770?-1826

David Crawford, only known child of William Crawford was born, 1-11-1790, in Oldham Co., Kentucky. He married, 6-8-1820, Sarah McNeely, daughter of Jeremiah McNeely and died, 10-10-1861, in Saluda Tp., Jefferson Co., Indiana. He is said to have been a farmer and a school teacher of large build about whose strength and vigour stories were long a part of the family lore. His children were:

Jeremiah, b. 12-1-1823, d. 3-26-1881; Mary (Polly), b. 12-4-1834, m. 3-29-1853 John Snodgrass, d. 1-2-1905; Margaret, b. 10-15-1826, m. 3-12-1845, Robert Ryle Hay, d. 1-7-1885; Isabella, b. 8-27-1828, m. (1) John Baker, (2) Jack Colbert, d. 1-8-1888; Elizabeth, b. 4-15-1831, m. John Hay, d. 4-15-1851; Della, b. 9-14-1833, m. James R. McCurtin, d. 12-25-1891; Phoebe, b. 3-24-1836, m. (1) Martin Covin, (2) James Anderson, d. 8-9-1917; William, died in infancy.

At least two genealogies of the Crawford family have been published. What follows has been taken from the one compiled by Mrs. Recinda Frances Stephens, of Thompson Springs. It is in close agreement with the one given by J. E. D. Shipp in "Life and Times of William Harris Crawford" and said to have been compiled by Mrs. Vandeville.

John Crawford, a descendant of Reginald, Earl of Crawford, 1142-1214, of the nobility, Scotland, emigrated to Virginia in 1643 and settled in James City County, Va., where he was killed during Bacon's Rebellion in 1676.

David Crawford, b. 1625, came to America with his father and was killed in 1710 by the Pennsylvania Indians. His wife's name is not known. Their children were:

Elizabeth, 1656-1762; Judith 1658-?; Angeline 1660-1762; David 1662-1692; John 1664-1689

David Crawford, b. 1662, married Elizabeth Smith by whom he had a son, David and a daughter Susanna. He is usually called Captain David.

David Crawford, son of Captain David, b. 1697, m. ¹⁷²⁷ Ann Anderson, d. 1766.

Their children were Susanna and John.

John Crawford m. (1) Sarah Smith, (2) Elizabeth Moore. His children were:-

Elizabeth, David, Joel, Charles, Sarah, Nathan, Mary, Peter, Nelson and Ann. Of these Elizabeth, Peter, Nelson and William did not

survive. David m. Lucy Henderson; Joel m. Fannie Harris; Charles

m. Jane Maxwell; Nathan m. (1) Judith Anderson, (2) Margaret Smith.

The descendants of this family lived at first in Virginia but later generations moved southward and are now mostly in Georgia and South Carolina. The well known tendency of the early settlers of Virginia and the Carolinas to move westward, the easy accessibility of them of central and western North Carolina and thence Kentucky and the persistent use of the name David incline me to believe that some connection will be found between this family and my own forebears William and David Crawford.

Jeremiah McNeely was the father of Sarah McNeely who became the wife of David Crawford. Beyond this and the family story that he was an immigrant from Ireland I know nothing about him. From the name and date on a stone in Bethel Cemetery, in Saluda Twp., Jefferson Co., Ind. I have been led to believe that he had a son, John, b. 5-28-1797, d. 4-18-1862, two years older than my great grandmother, whose wife was Margaret A. If my surmise is correct Jeremiah McNeely must have been born about the time of the Revolutionary War.

McNeely
1796-?

My mother, Mary Emily Hay, was the eighth of nine children of Joseph and Elizabeth (Gregory) Howsamon. Joseph was the eighth of eleven children of William and Abigail (Britton) Howsamon and William was the eldest of ten children of John and Martha (Frost) Howsamon.

John Howsamon was born in 1755. He is said to have been born in Virginia and to have married there before emigrating to Ohio, where, about 1813, he settled in Range Tp. Madison County. I have not been able to trace his ancestry. I have found a John Howsamon mentioned in a list of early wills from Brunswick Co., Va. and a John Howsamon in a list of the elders present at the signing of an agreement between the Reformed and Lutheran congregations worshipping in the Peaked Mountain Church, Rockingham Co., Va. in 1769. In the U.S. census of 1790 there are listed 27 heads of families with 109 individuals named Howsamon, Howsaman, Howsamson etc. They were distributed as follows: New York 9, Pennsylvania 14, Maryland 1, Virginia 1, North Carolina 2. Between the years 1732 and 1754 there were very many emigrants from the Palatinate to America and I find listed among those that landed in Philadelphia no less than 10 males named Hawsman or Howsamson. The destination of these emigrants has not been recorded but most of them doubtless moved westward. Some of them probably accompanied their German friends who drifted into the Shenandoah Valley and thence southward and westward. The John Howsamon of the Peaked Mountain Church may have been the father or the grandfather of my great-grandfather, but I have found no way of establishing the connection.

John & Martha
Howsamon
1755-1832

John Howsamon died July 29, 1832, at the age of 63 years, in Madison Co., Ohio, where he now lies buried beside his wife and surrounded by his children and grand-children in Bell's Cemetery. His marriage to Martha Frost, b. 1759, d. 1-1-1832, probably occurred about 1780. Their children were:

William, b. 12-15-1782, m. 10-5-20-1803 Abigail Britton, (2) Fannie Roberts, d. 8-19-1863. See infra.

Lucas, b. 1-3-1780-m. Sarah McClimans, d. 11-13-1863. Their children:
Jacob Frost, b. 5-14-1822, d. 2-1-1845; Isaac, Jr. b. 2-1-1832, d. 7-18-1818; John, b. 5-22-1820, d. 5-2-1832; William, b. 1-15-1827, d. 12-5-1827; Mary, no record; Martha, no record; Margaret, no record.

Jacob, b. 1794, d. 12-18-1858, never married.

Abraham, no record.

Samuel, b. 8-10-1801, d. 8-10-1819

Frances, b. 2-14-1785, d. 4-16-1865, never married.

Mary F., b. 10-18-1791, m. Thomas T. Reece, d. 6-18-1847. Children were:
William W., b. 9-13-1809, d. 2-5-1886; Elizabeth J., b. 12-1-1815, d. 2-25-1853;
Thomas F., b. 9-23-1823, d. 9-30-1844; John D., b. 3-16-1831, d. 10-1-1855.

Hanna, b. 4-4-1797, d. 12-22-1866; never married.

Martha, m. (1) William Rayburn, (2) Philip McDonald; no other record.

Margaret, m. — McClimane; no other record.

William Howson was born in Madison Co., Ohio, probably in Range Tp. Dec. 15, 1782. During most of his life he was a farmer, but in his later years, perhaps after the death of his first wife, he moved into London and engaged in the business of keeping a hotel. He died Aug. 19, 1863, at the age of more than 80 years. On May 26, 1803 he married Abigail Britton, b. 4-85-1783, d. 11-26-1831, who was the mother of ^{ten} children. After her death he married Frances Roberts, for whom I have no record except that she was the mother of one child and the mother by adoption of another. William Howson's children were, not including Joseph (b. 1815) the subject of the next sketch:

William Howson.
mon. 1782 to
1863

Hellicia, b. 4-3-1804, m. 5-4-1820 John Britton, d. 9-23-1841.

John Britton, b. 6-12-1807, m. July 28, 1833 Mary Foster, d. 12-22-1880.

Their ^{recorded} children were: Abigail, b. 1847 d. 1889; G. C., b. 1849, d. 1850.

Isaac Frost, b. 7-13-1809, m. 8-22-1831 Elizabeth Fisher, d. 4-9-1866. No children recorded for this couple.

Mary, b. 11-27-1811, m. 8-7-1830 David Rayburn, d. 11-7-1859. Her children: William, David, Frances, Abigail, Josephine, Joseph, Jane, Maria, Emma. No records for any of these.

William, b. 10-7-1813, d. 11-3-1813.

Frances, b. 2-19-1818, m. 7-7-1836 John Byree, d. 2-22-1873. Her known children: Mary A.; Infant. Both died in infancy.

James W., b. 3-28-1820, d. 9-5-1849.

Martha, b. 1-28-1822. No other record.

Charles, b. 1-27-1824, d. 9-17-1825.

Jacob Wren, b. 12-10-1834, d. 7-6-1835.

Linaise, b. 7-9-1836, m. A. D. Walker, d. 2-1-1864. By adoption.

Joseph Howson, sixth child of William and Abigail (Britton) Howson, was born June 23, 1815 in Madison Co., Ohio. On June 1, 1837 he married Elizabeth Gregory, daughter of Jehiel and Sarah (Vandoloh) Gregory. Between 1842 and 1846 he moved to Illinois and bought a farm near Ropington, McLean County where he lived until about 1864. He then moved to Eureka, then back to Ropington, then to

Joseph Howson.
mon. 1815 to
1890

LaPlace, and, finally, to Harrietown, where he lived until his death, Sept. 27, 1890. While in LaPlace he kept a general store, otherwise he engaged throughout his life in farming and stock raising. His wife who was born May 8, 1817, died June 20, 1893.

Their children were:

Sarah Atigait, b. 6-2-1838, m. 3-10-1859 Philip Loring, d. 6-1-1864.

Her children were: Sylvia Carolin, b. 6-18-1860, m. 11-12-1881 Josiah Lifercomb; Alongo, no record.

Jehiel Gregory, b. 1-29-1841, m. 11-19-1868 Eliza Fulton, d. 5-31-1908. His children were: Joseph H., b. 2-15-1870, m. 9-23-1903 Jessie Shute; Clara, b. 2-4-1872, m. 6-20-1894 Lewis Rauch; Frank, b. 7-28-1875, m. 6-6-1912 Blanche Hamilton; John Fulton, b. 1-22-1878, d. 12-18-1880.

William Henry, b. 7-27-1842, m. (1) 3-23-1869 Amanda Welch, (2) Emma Welch, d. 1821. His children were Cora, Ella, Ada, Charles E. (no records)

Elizabeth Jane, b. 1-15-1845, m. 6-29-1865 Wm. B. Pollard, d. 2-2-1886. Her children: Claude, Frank, R.B. (no records for any of these).

Isaac Cook, b. 12-26-1846, m. 12-26-1866, ⁽¹⁾ Mary M. McCafferty, ⁽²⁾ Annie Deal Williams, d. 1-13-1929.

His children were: Clarence Clyde, b. 4-30-1883, d. 8-9-1883; Maude, b. 7-11-1884, m. 5-28-1910 Wm. F. Stephen; Mae, b. 4-3-1887, m. 6-21-1904, (1)

Ambrose Weaver, (2) Harry F. Shockley; William, b. 5-15-1890, m. 10-22-1922, Bertha Snider; Muriel Dexter, b. 6-1-1892, m. 4-1-1910, Cyp. E. Northcutt; Robert Ralph, b. 5-21-1900, m. 5-25-1925, Lois Hubbard.

Mary Emily, b. 4-20-1849, m. 6-30-1870 Oliver Perry Hay, d. 8-28-1931. Her children: William Perry, b. 12-8-1871, m. 12-29-1902 Annie Aletha McKnew;

Mary Lucille, b. 8-28-1873, m. 6-20-1900 John Dufton Minnick; Frances Steele, b. 1-21-1876; Robert Howrmon, b. 11-16-1882, m. 12-15-1909 Alma Elizabeth Birkhoff.

Hattie Annie, b. 3-24-1851, m. 2-15-1876 John Benjamin Camp, d. 8-15-1938.

Her children were George Russell, b. 6-10-1879; Harry Howrmon, b. 10-21-1881, m. 2-7-1920 Mabel Link; Lou Nora, b. 4-14-1884, m. 6-3-1910 John Nottelmann. (no record)

John Joseph, b. 9-26-1853, d. 7-13-1886.

Frances Ellen, b. 4-1-1856, m. 5-20-1874, Lyman T. McQuire, d. 8-11-1927. Her children: Ron Ella, b. 6-2-1876, m. (1) J. A. Kern, (2) — Stutzman; Hattie Ethel, b. 6-2-1876, m. 12-22-1897, John Voyle; Ida Dorset, b. 11-14-1883, m. 9-10-1904 W. C. Schley; Arthur Howell,

b. 7-10-1893.

Mary Emily Howmon, fifth child of Joseph and Elizabeth (Gregory) Howmon, was born, April 20, 1849, near Rappahannock, McLean County, Illinois. She attended grade school and entered Evana College but married, June 30, 1870, Oliver Perry Hay, before she had completed the course. Her children have been enumerated above. She died Jan. 28, 1931, in Washington, D. C.

Mary Emily
Howmon
1849-1931

Martha Frost, who became the wife of John Howmon, was born in 1759 and died June 17, 1832. Beyond these facts I have been unable to learn anything about her. At least three Frost genealogies have been published and I have searched through all of them with the greatest care but have failed to find any Martha Frost who married John Howmon. Presumably she was, like her husband, a native of Virginia.

Martha Frost
1759-1832

Abigail Britton, who became the wife of William Howmon, was probably born in Ohio. Old maps of Madison, Fayette and Pickaway Counties show that Brittons were living there at the time or shortly after and doubtless from one of these families Abigail came. There has been found, however, no means whatever of tracing her origin. Her tombstone tells us that she died April 25, Nov. 26, 1831 at the age of 48 y. 7 m. 10 d. which would place her birth in 1783.

Abigail Britton
1783-1831

Elizabeth Gregory, who became the wife of Joseph Howmon, was the daughter of Jehiel and Sarah (Vanderbush) Gregory; Jehiel Gregory was the son of Jehiel and Elizabeth (Andrews) Gregory; Jehiel Gregory was the son of Nehemiah and Ann (Barnum) Gregory.

By one descendant who has attempted to trace the Gregory ancestry, Nehemiah Gregory is said to have been born in Scotland in 1720 and to have died in Westchester Co., New York. He is further stated to have been a soldier in the Revolutionary War, serving as a private in the Westchester County Militia. Another lineage, furnished by a genealogical research bureau, traces his ancestry back to an Aldam Gregory of Lancashire, England and through the succeeding generations - Will, Thos, Thos, and John, to Henry Gregory who emigrated to Boston, Massachusetts. This Henry was in Springfield in 1639 and is believed to have gone to Stratford, Connecticut, where he died about 1665. Henry's son John went from Stratford to New Haven and thence to Norwalk, of which he was one of the founders. This John had a son, also named John, born in 1669, who married Mary Stewart and was the father of Nehemiah.

Gregory Family

There is some question as to the truth in both the foregoing lineages to make either one of them acceptable until one attempts them to careful examination. In the muster rolls of the Revolutionary War there appear, in the list for the Westchester Co. Militia, Col. Thomas Thomas regiment, two Nehemiah Gregorys, one in Capt. St. John's company, the other in Capt. Stevens's.

For reasons which I have not been able to discover, the Nehemiah in Capt. St. John's company has been selected as the ancestor of the line now under discussion. Perhaps it is because in the same company there was a Jehiel Gregory and it has been assumed that they were father and son. In the U. S. Census of 1790 a Nehemiah and a Jehiel Gregory appear in the list for Westchester Co. (a careful search through the lists for Connecticut and Massachusetts failed to produce any Gregorys ^{with} of these names). The family tradition that Nehemiah and his son, the elder Jehiel, were both Revolutionary soldiers can not be dismissed, ^{and until there is proof to the contrary, with good right} but I am not sure of the facts. But, assuming that one of the Nehemiahs in the Westchester Co. regiment was the father of the elder Jehiel, about whose record there is no question, when, and where was he born and who were his forebears? The only date that has been given for his birth is 1720. If this is correct he must have enlisted as a soldier at the age of 56; his son Jehiel at that time would have been 21 years old. It is quite possible that men of those ages were accepted as soldiers, especially in the militia.

Westchester Co., N. Y. according to historians, was largely settled by emigrants from Fairfield Co. Conn. Any migration of any considerable size from Fairfield Co. could hardly have failed to include Gregorys for in and about the Town of Norwalk there were many of them. A John Gregory was one of the early settlers there, perhaps one of the original ones. That he had a son named John is indicated ^{by the fact} that they were distinguished in the Town records as John Gregory, Sen. and John Gregory, Jr. But there were also various other Gregorys there - Jacobin, Thomas, Judah and Joseph - whose relationship to John Gregory, Sr. is not indicated, but any or all of whom may also have been his sons. His son John must have married, but the name of his wife is not given although the names - Elizabeth, Sarah, Jonathan and Mary - of his children with dates of birth are duly set forth. Incidentally there were Barnums in Norwalk also, although members of this family were more numerous further north, in and near the Town of Danbury. It is also significant that at the mouth of the Norwalk R. and within the limits of Norwalk there was, and still is, a Gregory Point. Jehiel Gregory, son of Nehemiah, is said to have been born in Gregory Point, N. Y. but I think that without question this is an error; none of the early maps that I have examined show such a locality anywhere in ~~that~~ that State.

From the foregoing and from numerous other facts that might be cited, it must be seriously doubted that Nehemiah Gregory was born in Scotland. It is reasonably certain that he was born, instead, in south western Connecticut, in or near the Town of Norwalk or in Westchester County, New York. He may have been born as early as 1720,

although he would then have been 35 years old when his son was born and, as stated above 56 years old when he enlisted as a soldier. I have found no evidence that he ever migrated westward, a Nehemiah Gregory mentioned as having been in Athens, Ohio, in 1813 being in all probability his grandson. Unless there is evidence which I have been unable to uncover, the straight line of succession, quoted above from the genealogical research bureau, can not be maintained. As I have been able to work it out it may be given as follows:

Nehemiah Gregory
1720 - ?

Nehemiah Gregory, b. 1720(?) in s.w. Conn. or s.e. N.Y., m. Ann Barnum, d. (?) only one child recorded, Jehiel.

Jehiel Gregory, b. 1755, Gregory Point, Conn., m. 1755, Elizabeth Andrews, d. Mar 18, 1818, Yanketown, Ohio. Soldier in Revolutionary War, in militia of Westchester Co., New York. Lived for a time in Spencerstown and Bedford, N.Y. Then Cumberland, Pa. and about 1801 was one of the early settlers of Athens, Ohio. Here he achieved considerable prominence, was first postmaster in Athens Co., one of the founders and a trustee of the first public library in the N.W. Terr., a trustee of Ohio University, associate county judge, etc. Organized and was Colonel of the first regiment of troops raised in Ohio during War of 1812. In 1815 removed to Fayette Co., where he bought a large tract of land on which he established his family and where he died. His children were:

Jehiel Gregory
1755-1818

Jehiel, b. 11-20-1782, m. Sarah Vandolah, d. 1823. children, Elizabeth, b. 5-8-1817, m. 6-1-1837 Joseph Howison, d. 6-20-1893; ~~William~~ ~~2-21-1844~~, m. ~~Patience Brown~~, Ann, b. 3-4-1819, m. 2-13-1840, Geo. W. Knott, d. ?; John, b. 10-8-1821, m. (1) Caroline Dawson, (2) Mary Ann Threlkeld, d. 3-22-1902; Mary Jane, b. 8-8-1823, m. 1-7-1840 Jas. R. Roofbrown, d. 7-7-1852.

Nehemiah, b. 3-31-1784, m. Patience Brown, d. 2-21-1817. children Maria, m. — McNiel; Jehiel Brown, m. Maria — ?.

Elizabeth, b. 10-3-1786, m. Jared Strong, d. ? . only one child recorded: Elizabeth, m. John H. Davis.

Andrew, b. 8-8-1789, m. (1) Sarah Dunshire Roberts, (2) Isabel Foster, d. 7-21-1866. children: Eliza Ann, b. 11-22-1814, m. Wm. A. Phelps, d. 11-19-1857; Sarah Jane, b. 8-16-1816, m. Abner Driebach, d. 5-24-1901; Adley Nehemiah, b. 11-27-1820, m. , d. 8-21-1865.

Annis, b. 8-8-1789, m. Ozias Strong, d.

Adley, b. 6-17-1792, m. Marguerite Armstrong Walker, d. 1879. Children:

Emma, m. J. A. T. Hull; Annette, m. Whitfield.

Jehiel Gregory, son of Jehiel and grandson of Nehemiah, was born in Spencerston, New York, Nov. 20, 1782. He went with his parents to Ohio at which time he must have been about 19 years of age. Either here, or previously, he was apprenticed to learn the blacksmith trade and he followed this trade, in conjunction with farming, to the end of his life. He was a large landholder and managed his farms with skill and efficiency. In 1816 he married Sarah Vandoloh. During the War of 1812 he, with his brother Nehemiah, was in the first volunteer company from Athens (Nehemiah as a lieutenant and Jehiel as a captain); his service lasted 3 months. He died in 1822 or 1823 and his wife followed him a short time later, leaving four small children who were taken into the homes of relatives and friends to be raised; they were:—

Jehiel Gregory
1782-1818

Elizabeth, b. 5-8-1817, m. 6-1-1837, Joseph Howamson, d. 6-20-1893. For
Illinois list of children see ~~the~~ the account of her husband in Howamson lineage.

Annie, b. 3-4-1819, m. 2-13-1840, George Knotts, d. children:

Illinois Helen, m. 1871 Fletcher Smith; Emma K. (no record)

John, b. 10-8-1821, m. (1) 1-9-1842 Caroline Dawson, (2) 7-9-1846 Mary Ann Hen-
line, d. 3-22-1922. Children: Jehiel, b. 11-28-1843, m. 6-28-1866 Harriet
Tanner, d. 4-13-1867; Sarah C., b. 12-13-1848, d. 12-1-1852; Mary E., b. 4-12-1850,
Illinois d. 8-20-1851; Margaret E., b. 1-8-1852, m. 6-11-18 James Moon, d. ;
Alonso, b. 9-30-1853, d. 4-7-1862; George, b. 4-23-1855, m. 9-4-1877 A. M. Moon,
d. 9-30-1893; Sabra G., b. 5-20-1857, m. 6-8-1876 W. M. Allsupough; John C.
b. 6-8-1859, m. 5-3-1882 A. Ogden; Ira, b. 11-14-1866, m. 11-3-1886 Minnie
Lanham; Byron, b. 12-14-1868, m. 12-24-1889 Hattie Britt; Grace, b.
8-6-1871, m. (1) 12-12-93 Fred Riggitt, (2) John A. Goodwin.

Mary Jane, b. 8-8-1823, m. 1-7-1840 James G. Croftbourn, d. 7-7-1852.

Children: Otto W.; Elizabeth, m. S. F. B. Terry; Sophronia; Jehiel.

Elizabeth Gregory, eldest of the four children of Jehiel and Sarah (Vandoloh) Greg-
ory, was born May 8, 1817 in Yastueton, Ohio. When she was about 12 years old she
lost both her parents and was taken into the family of Isaac Cook where she lived
until her marriage, June 1, 1837, to Joseph Howamson. In 1845 she, with her hus-
band and four children moved to Illinois. She died Dec. 20, 1893 in Hannaturn,
Illinois. Her children and grandchildren are listed on a previous page under Joseph
Howamson.

Elizabeth Gregory
1817-1893

Ann Barreum, who became the wife of Nehemiah Gregory, is up to the present, little
more than a name. That she was from one of the Barreum or Bannam families which, as

Ann Barreum

early as 1650, were living in eastern Connecticut, admits of no serious doubt, but up to the present no trace of her as an individual has been found.

Elizabeth Andrews' ancestry has not been traced although it is probable that with the proper effort it could quite easily be done. She was born in 1757 in Spencertown, New York, married Jehiel Gregory in 1775 and died in Fayette Co., Ohio in 1857 just a little short of 100 years of age. She survived her husband nearly 40 years, living on the farm which he had left her until near the end of her life when she went to live with her son Andrews. I have been told that her father was known as "Major" Andrews, but in what service he had gained the title my informant could not say.

Elizabeth Andrews
1757-1857

Sarah Vandoloh, who became the wife of Jehiel Gregory, Jr., was probably born in Ohio, but judging from her name, probably was a descendant of one of the Dutch early settlers of eastern New York. I have searched through numerous lists of early settlers, however, and have failed to find any family name even remotely resembling hers. I had long thought that the correct spelling of it must be Van Dolen, but on a recent trip to Fayette Co., O., I found, in a little cemetery at Painesville, a tombstone inscribed "Groomer" Sarah, wife of John Vandoloh, died Oct. 14, 1860, aged 93 y. 5 m. 7 d., which shows that Vandoloh was the accepted spelling at that time at least. Further inquiry among the oldest inhabitants of Painesville failed to produce any other information about the Vandolohs than that all the younger members of the family had gone, years ago, to Illinois where they had settled near Bloomington. Later, in a history of McLean Co., Ill. I noticed that there had been a marriage between an Ogden and a Vandoloh.

